

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, May 19, 2024

9:30 AM

Day of Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

"The Paraclete's teaching role in the community of believers is thus both "conserving" and "creative." That teaching role is to pass on the tradition of what Jesus said and did without corruption, yet also to reveal the mind of Christ in new situations.

Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, "Encounters with Jesus"

PRELUDE

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (as a Litany for Pentecost)

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.
Come, Holy Spirit!

*HYMN NO. 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENZER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

“Come Pray in Us”

Taize

*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHILDREN’S PRAYER RESPONSE

“The Lord is Risen”

Taize

The Lord is risen, alleluia!
Sing out and praise the Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Page 104, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”

Howard Helvey

GOSPEL LESSON

Acts 2:1-12

Page 111, NT

SERMON

“What tongue have you been authorized by the Holy Spirit to speak in?”

Rev. Sam Enders

*HYMN

“Send Us Your Spirit “

Haas

***Refrain: Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit; renew the face of the earth.
Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit; renew the face of the earth.***

1. Come to us, Spirit of God; breathe in us now, we sing together.
Spirit of hope and of light, fill our lives; come to us, Spirit of God.

Refrain

2. Fill us with the fire of your love; burn in us now, bring us together.
Come to us, dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord; come to us, Spirit of God.

Refrain

3. Send us the wings of new birth; fill all the earth with the love you have taught us.
Let all creation now be shaken with love; come to us, Spirit of God.

Refrain

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, “Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”

Thompson

RESPONSE TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 301

“Let Us Build a House”

TWO OAKS

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*“Jubilate Coeli”
(Heavens Sing With Gladness)*

Taize

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Ebenezer”

Gordon Young

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff
Rev. Sam Enders, Founder and CEO of African Dream Academy
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music
FPC Chancel Choir
FPC Handbell Choir
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer
Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer
Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, AV Team

✠ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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